

**Agenda Item:** IV.

**DATE:** January 29, 2004

**SUBJECT:** 2004 Annual Report on the Condition of Higher Education in Tennessee

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Condition of Higher Education in Tennessee demonstrates to the legislature and the citizens of Tennessee the commitment of the higher education community to improved quality in higher education. Although the goals found in this document were formally established in 2001, they grew out of the legislative benchmarks for higher education developed in 1984. The Condition of Higher Education in Tennessee goals are also framed along those established by the Southern Regional Education Board among its 15 member states. It should be noted that on virtually all of the goals there has been steady, regular improvement. Furthermore, marks the third edition of this report developed in cooperation with both the University of Tennessee System and the Tennessee Board of Regents. This document provides a framework for higher education throughout the remainder of the decade.

A preliminary draft copy of the Conditions report is included in this mailing. The official report will be distributed upon receipt of the pending data and submission to the General Assembly.